

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 6338) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DEMINT). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING SENATORIAL SERVICE

PAUL SARBANES

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, with the close of the 109th Congress, the Senate will lose to retirement one of our most seasoned and respected Members—Senator PAUL SARBANES of Maryland. Across five terms in this body and before that three terms in the House of Representatives, where I was privileged to serve with him also, PAUL SARBANES has made his mark as a serious and diligent legislator, a classic workhorse Senator rather than a showhorse Senator. The Baltimore Sun has called him the silver fox Senator who “works quietly but with shrewd skillfulness.”

I have always respected and admired Senator SARBANES, both as a stalwart Democrat and also always a proud, unabashed progressive.

As a young man, he graduated from Princeton and went on to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar and then Harvard Law School. But he never forgot his experiences growing up among the families of Maryland's Eastern Shore. He never forgot his roots as the son of a Greek immigrant who worked long hours to build a successful restaurant business.

In the Senate, PAUL SARBANES has been outspoken in his support for public schools, expanded access to higher education, to job training, and the other essential rungs on the ladder of economic opportunity in America.

He has fought to protect Social Security, to clean up corruption in the business world. In the wake of the Enron and WorldCom scandals, Senator SARBANES took the lead in crafting legislation to prevent the recurrence of the rampant accounting fraud that was destroying confidence in corporate America.

In the early years of this past decade, in classic Sarbanes style—methodically, thoughtfully, and minimum of partisanship—he held 10 hearings on the issue in 2002, listening to all points of view. The result is known universally as the Sarbanes-Oxley law which cleaned up the accounting industry and mandated new disclosure and conflict-

of-interest reporting requirements on U.S. corporations.

There are many reasons why PAUL SARBANES is the longest serving Senator in Maryland history. Throughout his career in this body, he has fought hard on issues of special importance to Maryland, including legislation to protect the Chesapeake Bay. But he has never lost touch with his roots among working people and the immigrant community.

He has always been a model public servant, a person of enormous intellect, intelligence, integrity, and industry. For 30 years in the Senate, PAUL SARBANES has faithfully served the people of Maryland and the people of the United States, and there is no doubt he will pursue new avenues of public service in retirement.

I will miss his friendship, I will miss his wise counsel in the Senate, but I wish PAUL and also his wonderful wife Christine all the best in the years ahead.

MARK DAYTON

Mr. President, I would like to follow that up by expressing my respect and admiration for a longtime friend of mine, my neighbor to the north, so to speak, who is also retiring this year; that is, our Senator from Minnesota, MARK DAYTON.

Senator DAYTON is a public servant in the purest sense of that term. He did not come to the Senate 6 years ago in search of status or celebrity or power for power's sake. He has never sought the spotlight. He came here for one reason: to serve the people of Minnesota and of the United States. He has done so in a diligent, consistent, and selfless manner.

I especially appreciate the way Senator DAYTON has followed in the progressive tradition of Minnesota's great Senators, Hubert Humphrey, Gene McCarthy, Chris Mondale, and Paul Wellstone. On issue after issue, he has fought for working people and their families, for seniors, and for the least fortunate among us. To take just one case in point, no Senator has been more persistent and eloquent in fighting to allow seniors to purchase prescription drugs in Canada where pharmaceuticals are oftentimes less expensive. He has donated his entire Senate salary to the Minnesota Senior Federation to help finance trips on the “Prescription Express” to purchase cheaper drugs in Canada, and he has gone to bat for seniors when they were harassed by border agents upon their return.

To his everlasting credit, Senator DAYTON voted against a resolution effectively authorizing the war in Iraq. He spoke out passionately against the dangers of launching that war. He has used his seat on the Armed Services Committee to take the administration to task for its multiple mistakes and failures in conducting that war. There has been a singular absence of effective oversight of this war on the part of this Congress, but as an individual Senator, MARK DAYTON has done his best to fill

that vacuum. On the Armed Services Committee, he has been courageous and outspoken, and we will remember him for that.

Throughout his adult life, MARK DAYTON has been devoted to serving others and looking out for those in the shadows of life. After graduating from Yale, he could have gone on in the family retail business. He could have coasted on his family's wealth, but he chose a very different course. He chose to work as a teacher for 3 years in a pretty tough public school on Manhattan's Lower East Side. Later he went to work as a counselor for runaway young people, as chief financial officer of a social service agency in Boston, and then as a staffer to Senator Walter Mondale. After returning home to Minnesota, he also served as the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Energy and Economic Development. He was elected State auditor in 1990.

I think the first time I met MARK DAYTON, I was a Congressman in Iowa and he was running for the Senate in Minnesota, and that was 1982. I went up to campaign for him. I had been involved in agriculture and agricultural endeavors, and so I went up to meet with them and met this young guy running for the Senate. He was unsuccessful that year—I hope not due to the fact that I went to campaign for him. He was unsuccessful that year, but he never gave up. He never gave up trying to find new avenues to serving the people of Minnesota.

As I said, that culminated in him serving as the commissioner of the Department of Energy and Economic Development for a number of years under Governor Perpich and then being elected in his own right as the State auditor in 1990. Under his leadership as State auditor of Minnesota, he did a lot to make sure that State government was running efficiently and effectively and transparently and making sure the auditor's office kept a check on all the different agencies in Minnesota to make sure they were expending the taxpayers' dollars wisely and legally and transparently.

So I was delighted when, even though in 1982 he didn't make it to the Senate, he then made it in the year 2000. In the last 6 years, again, as I said, MARK DAYTON has devoted himself selflessly to helping people less fortunate in our society. His common theme has been amplified powerfully: his passion for public service and his commitment to looking out for others. So I have no doubt that MARK will pursue other avenues of public service in the years ahead.

I will miss his friendship here on the Senate floor, but our friendship will continue. I know that in whatever capacity he can find, he will do what he can to make Minnesota and our country a better, fairer, and more just place for all its citizens. I certainly wish my good friend MARK DAYTON the best in the years ahead.